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CBC Radio-Canada  
Attention: Charles Rusnell  
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Dear Mr. Rusnell:

Further to your request for records related to political donations made by ATB Financial between January 1, 2004 and the present, we have now completed a search of our records. For your information, a thorough search was made of all transactions through our banking system based on political party, constituency association and MLA names. We also conducted a search of expenses charged by ATB associates. Given the volume of transactions undertaken by ATB Financial over eight years and the importance for accuracy, these searches took several months to complete.

The results of the searches are as follows:

- We identified ten instances of payments made to various PC constituency associations over the time period of your request.
- The total amount of all ten payments was \$1,460. Individual payments ranged from \$15 to just under \$190. Five of the payments were for golf tournaments (one registration fee for four golfers totaling \$750, two registration fees at \$150 each, and two registration fees at \$100 each), three were for dinners (one at \$125, one at \$30, and one at \$25), and two were for lunches (\$15 each).
- In all ten incidents, it is impossible to determine what portion of the payment was for costs of participating in the event (e.g. green fees at golf tournaments, facility rental, catering and other event charges for dinners/lunches, etc.) vs the amount a constituency association may have retained for fund-raising purposes.

While the payments were made in the form of fees to attend community events or golf tournaments and not intended in any way as political donations, we acknowledge that these payments should not have been made. Accordingly, we have informed the Chief Electoral Officer. We have also reinforced with our associates that payments of any kind and for any purpose to a political party, constituency association or MLA could be construed as political donations and, therefore, are strictly forbidden by law and by ATB Financial's own practices.

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Based on our search, we are satisfied that the ten incidents are isolated mistakes made over eight years and do not reflect any disregard for the law or ATB Financial's practices regarding political donations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chike Unaegbunam', written over the printed name.

Chike Unaegbunam  
Corporate Privacy Officer

cc. N. Jolly, Chief Compliance Officer, ATB Financial

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